

Majors, minors, and fellow readers of all sorts, get thee to SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK! All are welcome!

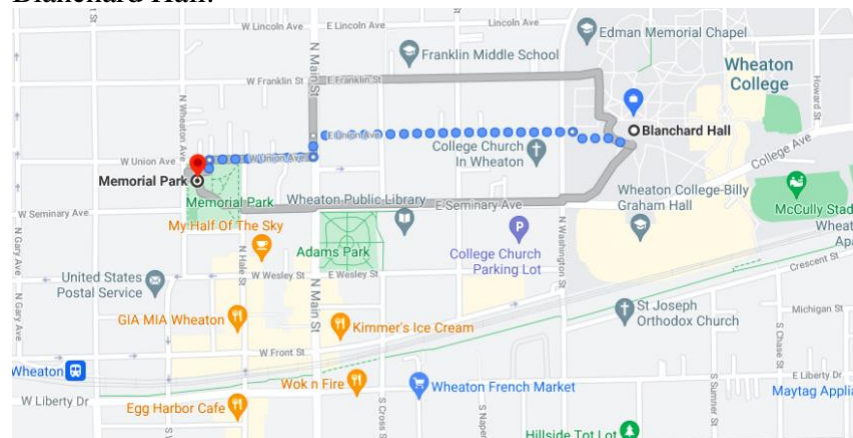
The English Department is convening a fall kick-off gathering this year at opening night of Shakespeare in the Park, the beloved community outdoor show held at Memorial Park in Wheaton.

Thursday, August 26 (rain date Friday, August 27), we'll have a BYO picnic at 6:00 p.m. to grab seats/lawn (this is one of the hottest tickets in town, so you want to be there early!) and catch up on all our nerdy adventures--and then watch our own Arena Theater alumni give us Henry IV: Part 1!

There will be music; there will be swordfighting (by Wheaton professors, no less!); **THERE. WILL. BE. PUPPETS.** You don't want to miss it--and opening night, before too much homework assigned (I'm looking at you, Dr. Kriner!), will be just the time.

Bring a picnic, whether dining hall brown bag, those cookies your family stocked you up on, bubble tea, potluck with last year's study group, or even just chips from the vending machine--and your lawn chair or blanket if you have one.

Here's a map for anyone needing a route to the park from Blanchard Hall:



At the park, we'll congregate at the English Department sign around 6:00 p.m. (earlier is better!), and then, the show starts at 7:00 p.m.

This event is the first in our liturgy of the year--a set of activities we hope will become English Department TRADITION, so we hope you'll be there to make this wonderful and memorable.

Everyone is welcome, whether major, minor, flirter-with-books-and-majors or just-checking-things-out. You are even welcome whether you *tell* us you're planning to come or not. BUT, if you RSVP to english@wheaton.edu by August 23, WE WILL BRING YOU A DELICIOUS, WELCOME BACK CUPCAKE!

And, lastly, here's a news release about the show by Marketing & Communications' Emily Bratcher:

https://www.wheaton.edu/news/recent-news/2021/july/announcing-shakespeare-in-the-park-2021/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=mr_social_media&utm_campaign=shakespeare_in_the_park&utm_content=arena_theater_wheaton_park_district

We can't wait to see you!—The English Department faculty